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SUBJ: IAEA ADVISORY GROUP MEETING ON EVALUATION OF URANIUM
RESOURCES, ROME, NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 3, 1976

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED AGENCY LETTER ANNOUNCING
THAT SUBJECT MEETING WILL BE CONVENED TO REVIEW
METHODS OF ESTIMATING BOTH DISCOVERED AND UNDISCOVERED
URANIUM RESOURCES AND TO CONSIDER FACTORS
AFFECTING AVAILABILITY OF SUCH RESOURCES. PARTICIPANTS
ALSO WILL BE ASKED TO ADVISE AGENCY OF STANDARDIZATION
OF URANIUM RESOURCES REPORTING METHODS, PREPARATION OF
URANIUM RESOURCES ESTIMATION MANUAL, AND ON ITS FUTURE
PROGRAM IN FIELD OF URANIUM RESOURCES.

2. AGENCY REQUESTS U.S. NOMINATE EXPERTS TO ATTEND
THIS MEETING, AND SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO
NOMINATING MR. ROBERT J. MEEHAN AND MR. DONALD L.
HETLAND, ERDA/GRAND JUNCTION OFFICE. AGENCY PREPARED
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PROVIDE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES FOR HETLAND AND

REQUESTS U.S. PROVIDE MEEHAN AS COST-FREE EXPERT.
AGENCY SUGGESTS MEEHAN PREPARE PAPER DEALING WITH
ESTIMATION AND EVALUATION OF DISCOVERED URANIUM
RESOURCES, AND HETLAND PREPARE PAPER DEALING WITH
ESTIMATION AND EVALUATION OF UNDISCOVERED URANIUM
RESOURCES.

3. AGENCY ALSO INVITES U.S. EXPERTS TO PREPARE
PAPERS ON STATUS OF WORLD SUPPLY AND DEMAND, HIGH-
LIGHTING NEED FOR MORE COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF
WORLD URANIUM RESOURCES, AND ON RECENT TECHNOLOGICAL
DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPLORATION DRILLING AND MINING
EQUIPMENT AND METHODS, OR ANY OTHER SUBJECTS LISTED
IN PROVISIONAL AGENDA, WHICH IS ATTACHED TO LETTER.
LATTER TWO EXPERTS INVITED AT NO RPT NO EXPENSE TO
AGENCY.

4. IN VIEW WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN SUBJECT MATTER OF
MEETING, INCLUDING FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, MISSION
BELIEVES USE OF COST-FREE EXPERT FUNDS TO SEND ONE
OR TWO EXPERTS WOULD BE FULLY JUSTIFIED. MISSION
SUGGESTS WE ATTEMPT TO HAVE AGENCY ALSO COVER TRAVEL
AND PER DIEM COSTS FOR TWO EXPERTS.

5. AGENCY LETTER ALSO NOTES THAT ADDITIONAL
OBSERVERS WELCOME AT NO RPT NO EXPENSE TO AGENCY.

6. COPY OF LETTER AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA POUCHED
AMMONS/ERDA. PLEASE ADVISE.STONE

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